

The Examiner has required a minor amendment to the abstract which has been carried out. Of greater concern is the Examiner's objection to the drawings stating that descriptive textual labels should be placed on the drawings. It will be seen that some descriptive textual labels have been placed on the drawings, however, the Examiner is requiring that "each numbered element", and presumably the elements identified by letters as well, must have a descriptive textual label. This is thought to be beyond the requirement of 37 CFR 1.83 and 1.84 as each numbered element is clearly described in the specification. To place a textual label adjacent each reference numeral or reference letter would only complicate and obfuscate the drawings; would require much additional work; and would be redundant to also identifying the element with a reference numeral which has a clear identification in the specification. Counsel has not seen this requirement to this degree imposed before; has not seen the requirement carried out on printed references and takes exception to the requirement that "each numbered element" be so labeled. While the Examiner admittedly has discretion in applying the rules, it is thought the Examiner has required far in excess of what has been the policy as understood by counsel, and a review and retraction of this requirement is respectfully requested.

Early and favorable action on the merits of the elected species and claims is courteously awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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